ury Department, as well as to the efficiency and promptness of the several clerks in the Comptroller's and Treasurer's Office, whose efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the State can be safely relied on.

In conclusion, permit me to say that if I have fulfilled the promise made when I was about to enter upon the discharge of the duties of this important office, and the service rendered has been equal to what the people had a right to demand, then I am content; for I am conscious that my sole effort has been to serve the best interest of the people of our State with fidelity and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

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